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SUBJ: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - PRESIDENT PEREZ'
COMMENTS
REF: CARACAS 2266

1. IN HIS FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING CASE IN SEVERAL MONTHS, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ TOLD REPORTERS MARCH 6 THAT HE COULD NOT SAY THE CASE HAS BEEN SOLVED. "I CAN REITERATE THAT MY GOVT'S POSITION," PEREZ SAID, " OF NOT GIVING IN TO THE ABOMINABLE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING, HAS HAD RESULTS." PEREZ ADDED THAT WHILE HE SYMPATHIZED PERSONALLY WITH THE FAMILIES OF KIDNAPPING VICTIMS, AS CHIEF OF STATE HE BELIEVED THE GOVT "IS ACTING PRECISELY TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS, TO PROVIDE SECUIRTY TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF VENEZUELA, FOREIGN AND VENEZUELAN."

2. POLICE ACTIVITY OVER THE MARCH 5-6 WEEKEND WAS INTENSE FOLLOWING A SHOOT-OUT LATE MARCH 3 IN CARACAS BETWEEN AGENTS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY'S SECURITY SERVICE (DISIP) ASSIGNED TO THE NIEHOUS
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INVESTIGATION AND SEVERAL GUERRILLAS. ONE DISIP AGENT WAS KILLED AND ONE GUERRILLA, WHO WAS CAPTURED LATER, WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED. AN INTERIOR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE IDENTIFIED THE CAPTURED GUERRILLA AS GUSTAVO ELIEAS PINATE LANDEZ, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES SINCE THE MID 1960'S

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INTERIOR MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL MARCO
TULIO BRUNI CELLI STATED MARCH 5 THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN AROUND 20 ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE.
CARACAS DAILIES MARCH 7 REPORT 15 ADDITIONAL ARRESTS
IN MARACAY, VALENCIA, CUMANA, BARCELONA, AND PUERTO LA
CRUZ AND A SEARCH FOR THE HIDEOUT WHERE NIEHOUS WAS
HELD CAPTIVE CENTERING ON THE STATE OF ARAGUA.
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